

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the courtesy of a personal interview granted to his attorney by Examiner Lam on October 4, 2005, the results of which are summarized in the Interview Summary Form mailed October 14, 2005. At the beginning of the interview, Applicant's attorney proposed making certain claim amendments in order to overcome the rejection of the claims under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner then suggested further changes to clarify the present invention, i.e. changing "in" in line 2 of claim 17 to --of--, and changing "layers have" to --each layer in said plurality of layers has-- in claim 25. The Examiner indicated that if the amendments proposed by Applicant's attorney and the amendments suggested by the Examiner were made, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 would be withdrawn.

The Examiner confirmed that the due date for responding to the Office Action of June 14, 2005 had been changed to October 26, 2005 in accordance with the PTO paper mailed September 26, 2005.

Amendments and Response

The claims have now been amended as discussed during the interview, including both the amendments proposed by Applicant's attorney and the additional amendments suggested by the Examiner.

Thus, claim 17 has been amended to recite a single thin film formed of a plurality of layers on a transparent glass substrate; and has also been amended to delete "minimum".

Claims 19 and 20 have each been amended to recite that the thin film further contains at least one of Ti, Zr and Sn. Cu has been deleted from these claims, since it is already recited in claim 17 on which claims 19 and 20 directly or indirectly depend.

Claim 25 has been amended to recite that each layer in said plurality of layers has different optical properties from one another.

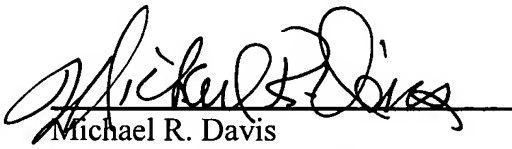
Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of these amendments, the rejection of the claims under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 has been rendered moot, as confirmed by the Examiner during the interview, and by the Interview Summary Form.

The specification has been amended to correct the spelling of “evacuated” on pages 10, 11 and 13, consistent with the use of this term at page 9, line 1.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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